

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the outset, Applicant appreciates the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Non-Final Office Action of April 14, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully noted. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 have been amended, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 7-11 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-3 and 5-11 are currently pending in the application. Support for these amendments is provided in Figures 1-4 and related text of the specification. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Allowed/Allowable Claims

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 2-3 and 5-6 contain allowable subject matter. More specifically, claims 2-3 and 5-6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 5 have been rewritten into independent form and therefore claims 2-3 and 5-6 are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,956,891 B2 issued to Tan ("Tan") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,353,170 B2 issued to Feldman, *et al.* ("Feldman"). Applicant respectfully submits this rejection is moot in view of the claim amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection.

Newly Added Claims

Newly added claims 7-11 are directed to features of the invention, which are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-11 are in condition for allowance.

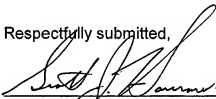
Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

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